Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, telephone: (703) 306–1802.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Meeting Purpose: To provide advice and recommendations on development of MPS strategic planning mechanisms; provide advice on the appropriateness of current disciplinary boundaries; evaluate the current MPS interfaces with academia and industry; and advise or methods of achieving overall program excellence in MPS.

Agenda:

April 24, 1995
AM—Introductory Remarks; Discussion on Benchmarking Science.
PM—Discussion on OMA; Prioritization Discussion with MPS Divisions.

April 25, 1995
AM—Reports on Programs and Plans/ Education Measures of Success.
PM—Discussion/Summary of Issues.

Dated: April 3, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

Dates and Times: April 24–25, 1995; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Christopher Platt, Program Director, Sensory Systems, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306–1424.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Agenda: Open session: April 24, 1995; 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: April 24, 1995; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; April 25, 1995; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate Sensory Systems proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

Dates and Times: April 24–25, 1995, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Room 370, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Karen Sigvardt, Program Director, Neuronal and Glial Mechanisms, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306–1424.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Agenda: Open session: April 24, 1995; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: April 24, 1995; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; April 25, 1995; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate Neuronal and Glial Mechanisms proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Advisory Panel for Physiology and Behavior; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Physiology and Behavior.

Dates and Times: April 24 and 25, 1995, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Place: Room 340, 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open

Contact Person: Dr. Elvira Doman and Dr. Eldon Braun, Program Directors, Integrative Animal Biology, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Room 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1421

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact persons listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: Open Session: Tuesday, April 25, 4 p.m. Discussion with Mary Clutter, Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences. Closed Session: Monday, April 24, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. To review and evaluate Integrative Animal Biology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Office of Systemic Reform; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Office of Systemic Reform (1765).

Dates and Times: April 24, 1995 and April 25, 1995 (8am-5pm).

Place: Holiday Inn-Arlington, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Gerald Gipp or Jody Chase, Program Directors, Rural Systemic Initiatives, Room 875, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306–1684.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for the Rural Systemic Initiatives Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50–528]

Arizona Public Service Company, et al.; (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1), Exemption

I

The Arizona Public Service Company, et al. (APS or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF–41, which authorizes operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1 (PVNGS–1). The license provides, among other things, that PVNGS–1 is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect. The PVNGS–1 facility is a pressurized water reactor located at the licensee's site in Maricopa County, Arizona.

II

Section III.D.1.(a) of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 requires the performance of three Type A containment integrated leakage rate tests (ILRTs) at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period of the primary containment. The third test of each set shall be conducted when the plant is shut down for the 10-year inservice inspection.

III

By letter dated December 28, 1994, the licensee requested temporary relief from the requirement to perform a set of three Type A tests at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period of the primary containment. The requested exemption would permit a one-time interval extension of the third Type A test by approximately 20 months (from the 1995 refueling outage, which begins in May 1995, to the sixth refueling outage (1R6), currently scheduled for September 1996) and would permit the third Type A test of the 10-year inservice inspection period not to correspond with the end of the inservice inspection interval.

The licensee's request concluded that the proposed changes for PVNGS–1, a one-time extension of the interval between the second and third ILRTs and a decoupling of the third test from the outage corresponding to the end of the 10-year inservice inspection period, is justified for the following reasons:

The previous testing history at PVNGS–1 provides substantial justification for the proposed test interval extension. Type A testing is performed to determine that the total leakage from primary containment does not exceed the maximum allowable leakage rate (L_a) as specified in the PVNGS–1 technical specifications (TS). The primary containment maximum allowable leakage rate provides an input assumption to the calculation required to ensure that the maximum potential offsite dose during a design basis accident does not result in a dose in excess of that specified in 10 CFR 100. The allowable L_a for PVNGS–1 is 0.10 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at P_a, where P_a is defined as the calculated peak internal containment pressure related to the design basis accident, specified in the PVNGS–1 TS as 49.5 psig. The acceptance criteria for the Type A test is 75 percent of L_a or 0.075 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at P_a.

In each of the two previous periodic ILRTs at PVNGS–1 (the results were 0.066 percent and 0.067 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at P_a, respectively), the results obtained were below the test acceptance criteria of 75 percent of L_a or 0.075 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at P_a, thereby, demonstrating that PVNGS–1 is a low-leakage containment.

The licensee performed a plant-specific study concluding that the extension of the Type A test has a negligible impact on overall risk. This study relied heavily on the existing Type B and C testing program which is not affected by this exemption, and will continue to effectively detect containment leakage.

Additionally, the licensee stated that its exemption request meets the requirements of 10 CFR 50.12, paragraphs (a)(2)(ii) (the underlying purpose of the regulation is achieved), and (a)(2)(iii) (compliance would result in undue hardship or other costs that are significantly in excess of those contemplated when the regulation was adopted), for the following reasons:

The licensee categorized mechanisms that could cause degradation of the containment into two types: (1) Degradation due to work which is performed as part of a modification or maintenance activity on a component or system (activity based); or (2) degradation resulting from a time based failure mechanism (i.e., deterioration of the containment structure due to pressure, temperature, radiation, chemical or other such effects). To address the potential degradation due to an activity based mechanism, the licensee reviewed containment system related modifications performed since the last Type A test. The licensee concluded that the modifications performed did not impact containment integrity, or the modifications have, or will be, tested adequately to ensure that there is no degradation from an activity based mechanism. In addition, the licensee maintains administrative controls which ensure that an appropriate retest, including local leak rate testing, if applicable, is specified for maintenance activities which affect primary containment integrity.

Regarding time based failure mechanisms, the licensee concluded that risk of a non-detectable increase in the primary containment leakage is considered negligible due to the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Type B and C testing program. The licensee stated that without actual accident conditions, structural deterioration is a gradual phenomenon which requires periods of time well in excess of the proposed 81-month test interval which would result by performing the third periodic Type A test during the sixth refueling outage in Unit 1. Other than accident conditions, the only external mechanism inducing stress of the containment structure is the test itself. The licensee maintains that the longer test interval would, therefore, lessen the frequency of stressing the containment.

Additionally, the licensee has performed the general inspections of the accessible interior and exterior surfaces of the containment structures and components prior to the previous Type A tests, as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Section V.A. These inspections are intended to uncover any evidence of structural deterioration which may affect either the containment structural integrity or leak tightness. At PVNGS–1, there has been no evidence of structural deterioration that would impact structural integrity or leak tightness. In a phone conversation with the licensee on March 23, 1995, the staff noted that these inspections, though limited in scope, provide an important added level of confidence. The licensee committed to perform the general containment civil inspection during the upcoming refueling outage (1R5).

The 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Type B tests are intended to detect local leaks and to measure leakage across pressure containing or leakage limiting-boundaries other than valves, such as containment penetrations incorporating